MYSTERY of the FLYING DISCS

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Concerning Materialization, the Etheric Worlds, and the "Lokas."

We are trying to write here, for the most part, for those of our readers who are unfamiliar with the terms used in the title, or have only a slight knowledge of the ideas involved. Students of 'occult' and esoteric matters require no instruction from this writer, and perhaps may find much to criticize in what is here said. But the issues are factual and serious, and are being thrust upon all of us, whether we like it or not. Strange phenomena, of almost daily occurrence are now demanding explanation; yet this latter will be almost meaningless unless we can, to some extent, begin to think in terms of 'occult' concepts. Moreover, if the 'discs' and other strange sky-craft continue to visit us, every kind of misinformation, extravagance, and fanaticism is certain to be trumpeted abroad. What is said here is written in a spirit of public service, and with the strong conviction that it is essentially correct, though of course sadly inadequate and incomplete.

The world materialization is familiar to spiritists and psychic research students; it means the taking on of visible and tangible form, by some being (or object) which is otherwise invisible and cannot be felt. It is usually effected, in the seance room, by use of a substance called ectoplasm, usually drawn from the human body, and which can be vaporous or plastic or rigid as circumstances require. It is sometimes called an 'organic ether', and plants, trees, and all organic things emit it in some degree. But for those who do not accept this particular phenomenon, we point out that a plant or a tree itself is the result of a slow materialization. The life energy in an acorn somehow drawn invisible atoms from earth and air and water, and makes a very substantial oak tree out of them. A chemist puts a few drops of a reagent into some crystal-clear solution, and at once a heavy precipitate drops to the bottom, The air and most gases are invisible, but cold and pressure can turn them into liquids or solids. In all these cases we have forms of matter which cannot be seen or touched, but which become visible and tangible - i.e., materialized, under certain conditions. Again, if you want to make a box of certain dimensions and weight, you form a clear idea of it, and maybe set down a sketch of it on paper, and then collect the materials and build them into the box-form. This result is a true materialization of what was originally only a thought in your mind.

Let us return for a moment to the example of the acorn. How does it happen that it never by any chance grows into a walnut or a beech tree, or a cabbage. Somewhere, somehow, there is a kind of pattern (like the box-idea in your mind), and the growing acorn, or the life energy in it, fills out this pattern with atoms of dense matter. Every seed, every cell, grows true to its own life pattern - whether a tree or an elephant or a human being is the materialized result. Where do these patterns exist? In a sense and in large part, in what is called the etheric world.

Have you seen the long crystals of ice shoot across the surface of freezing water, or watched other kinds of crystals form on a microscope slide? Have you ever sprinkled iron filings on a paper and held them over the poles of a magnet - and watched the 'lines of force' show up in the 'magnetic field?' The crystals of ice, and the iron filings, show to our eyes the existence of systems of stresses, which actually govern what is going on. They are 'patterns' again, but active and dynamic, not merely passive forms. It is proper to assign them, too, in large part, to the etheric world.

We can easily see how the facts of materialization, and the existence of an etheric world of energy, patterns, and stresses, work together and imply each other. And it is clear, too, that the basic 'realities' of science, such as electricity, gravity, light, all types of force or energy or action (as well as life, mind, consciousness, thought) - come out of invisible and intangible realms; we know them by their effects on dense matter, but not at first hand and in themselves. Radiant energy, radi-activity, wireless waves, 'ether' waves are known to us only by their end-products or effects. They are phenomena arising out of the unknown. You can call them finer forms of matter if you prefer, but they are atoms of energy also. Consider the phenomena of color. Unless you choose to define color as something visible, there is no reason why 'color' should cease to exist when you come to the violet end of the spectrum, or get 'below' the red at the other end. The scale of vibrations extends indefinitely in both directions, and if our eyes were adapted to them we could <u>see</u> the waves of the wireless as well as the ultra violet radiations.

Is it not possible that there are beings whose bodies are made of intangible and invisible matter (to us), and who can see beyond our spectrum, and have a world just as real as ours, even though <u>our</u> senses do not detect it at first hand?

We are only trying to make this talk about an etheric world seem half-way reasonable and intelligible, in case it is unfamiliar to you. But if we turn to occult and esoteric teachings and studies, we find a very considerable mass of information. There are people who have 'extended vision' (clairvoyance), as most scientists now freely admit, and who can see into what are called etheric and astral regions; and others succeed in getting out of their physical bodies, in full consciousness, and find themselves in an etheric body of their own, and can travel in the etheric or astral regions and report to us what they find there. Such reports are usually very limited, and affected by many conditions, and vary a great deal; but they establish the existence of these unseen worlds for anyone who can accept evidence of that 'supernormal' order.

If you have turned through the reprinted articles in this booklet, * you already know the theory we tentatively accept about the nature and origin of the discs and other space-craft. You know that we have been told, over and over again, by communicators from the astral world in whom we have come to feel confidence, that these craft are 'manufactured' (by thought force primarily) in the etheric

world, by etheric beings. Their world is just as 'real' as ours, and far better in many ways and they are 'real' persons, much like ourselves in many respects. Occultists and scientists among them know about our sphere, and some of our earth people have found out about them too, and have visited parts of their world. And the craft in which they visit us appear on our plane by a process of materialization. The ethereans have learned (being far in advance of us scientifically) how to lower the vibration rates of etheric matter, and how to draw into an etheric pattern the atoms of dense matter from our plane, and also how to reverse the process and dematerialize out of our range of sight. All this may be very strange to many of us, but it is not on that account impossible, or silly, or fantastic, or unscientific - - it is merely unusual, and alien to our customary modes of thought. We entreat all of you who deride these ideas to think them over sensibly and carefully, and without prejudice, and to try to grasp the basic reasoning and facts. And do not let yourselves be prejudiced by the fact that this information comes to us through trance mediumship. Consider it on its own merits, as any well-informed and honest scientist will do (though probably the majority will not be able to do so). And the more you learn about the mass of strange data already accumulated by scientific experimenters, in many different fields, the more ready you will be to give the 'ehteric hypothesis' a thoughtful and intelligent hearing.

We shall now, for the possible interest of other readers, go somewhat further into this subject matter. The subject of the 'ethers' is familiar to occultists; according to some schools there are four ethers, or four divisions of the etheric world. These are called, in Rosicrucian terminology, (1) the chemical ether, (2) the life ether, (4) the reflecting ether. It is through these that all the forces of life flow into the organic forms of plants, animals, and men. The ancients knew about them, and Cory's translation of "Ancient Fragments" quotes one of the Chaldean oracles as saying, "From the ether have come all things, and to it all things return; the images of all things are impressed upon it; it is the storehouse of the germs or remains of all visible forms and even of ideas." Blavatsky writes (I.U.vol 1,p.284), "The universal ether, in the eyes of the ancients, was a boundless ocean peopled like our familiar seas with creatures large and small, and having the germs of life in every molecule," and "here too dwelt the various races of elemental spirits." Again, (I.U.vol 1,p.310), "The privation of a form (i.e., its abstract idea) when transmitted to the ether, becomes material." The present writer's knowledge of Blavatsky's works is very imperfect, nevertheless the indexes to Isis Unveiled and the Secret Doctrine do not offer any further references of an instructive sort to the etheric realm of existence.

This is somewhat surprising, and it is equally so, that there is only a single index reference to the subject of the Lokas. (On p.47,vol.II S.D. we read the quotation, "The earth is the fourth Loka in the garland of the seven Lotuses)." This writer has inquired several times of the seance communicators, as to whether the etheric

worlds described by them could be identified, in a general way, with the Lokas of Indian metaphysics, and have as often been assured that this identification was legitimate in a somewhat broad sense. There is a brief reference to the Lokas in Rama Prasad, and a more extended one in Dr. Guy dePeruker's Occult Glossary - both of which we print herewith. But there is a singular lacuna here, in western occult knowledge; or else the information is very carefully concealed. If it exists but is deliberately hidden, the hour is now at hand when public interest demands its fullest explanation. We refer to the insistent statements of the trance controls, that a Loka, or at least the etheric world which they declare corresponds to it, is far more than a "Principle of a Hierarchy" (G.deP) associated with its corresponding Tala or Element. They regard the etheric world, or Lokas, as a spacial and temporal region of existence which interpenetrates with our own world of dense matter, and also, in its 'higher' reaches, with the 'lower' planes of the astral. The 'physical plane includes the lower and higher etheric, but some four-fifths of it lies outside our normal range of sense perception. (The diagram which we append to this article was given by the communicators and drawn by the medium with his hand and arm under control). They go further and assert that in this etheric region there flourish civilizations and cultures, and a race of beings which are born into that world and die there - they are NOT excarnate humans. They have knowledge of our world, and can and do penetrate it. They are the builders and operators of the Discs and other craft.

The excarnate human of our plane does not enter the etheric at death (or does so most briefly) but passes on and thru, into the astral; but the astral people have access (or some of them do) to the etheric worlds. Now this doctrine, or these facts, is of enormous importance. It may be familiar to individual occultists, and doubtless there are many who will now lay claim to such knowledge, whether truthfully or otherwise. But this writer cannot now recall any explicity and forthright statement of the facts asserted by the communicators. If we have the truth here, such statements must be forthcoming. If in all truth the Ethereans have once again invaded our plane of being, every obtainable item of fact concerning them is desperately needed. The occult, religious and scientific implications of this teaching are incalculable, and need no elaboration on our part. We cannot assert the infallibility of the communicators - but still, this is not a matter of conflict with established teachings; it is a great and startling affirmation of facts concerning which occult doctrine is silent - or secretive, evasive, and dubious. There has been much said concerning the ethers, and some of the information given by Dr. dePurucker is familiar to students; but the matter of etheric peoples and cultures, and their intimate concern with our own world, is not known. There are many books dealing with the life and conditions of the astral - but of the etheric worlds which lie all about us, almost nothing. This is partly due, no doubt, to the fact that human beings do not normally function in the etheric after death, but in the astral world, and it

is our personal fortunes we are chiefly interested in. Also, it is the post mortem state to which our attention has been turned, and hardly at all to the ante-natal conditions; yet according to our communicators it is from the lower etheric that re-entry into earth life takes place. It is "a substantial life, which the spirit really has no desire to leave." Again, "It is in the lower orders of the etheric world that you have the activity of the so-called poltergeists...which is one reason for your misunderstanding of psychic phenomena of the physical kind...The lower etheric world can be and often is entered by projected entities of still-living human beings, and they can create all kinds of mischief." Until, then, this region is more thoroughly studies we shall never understand a great number of psychic phenomena, or even have any real comprehension of the mind-body make-up of a human being -- that is, a true and valid psychology. The fire phenomena in Illinois, recently perplexing the 'experts,' like the fires at Almeria (reported in Round Robin two years ago), and literally scores of other similar happenings on record, are explicable only in terms of etheric life - and we maintain the same thesis with respect to the discs and other strange sky visitors.

Recurring to the identification of the etheric worlds with the Lokas: this word itself is of course no more than the Latin locus, a place. A Devaloka is the place of the Devas, and Kamaloka is the place of Kama or desire. The quotation from Dr. dePuruker's Occult Glossary is an attempt at a philosophical interpretation, but the points of contact between this, and the concept of the etheric world as held by the communicators, requires careful and somewhat learned exposition. The brief statement by Rama Prasad comes closer, and could obviously be applied to the diagram drawn by the communicators. The subject cannot be pursued here, but we present the material mentioned, since it is not readily available to most readers.

LOKA (Sanskirt). A word meaning 'place' or 'locality' or, as much more frequently used in Theosophy, a 'world' or 'sphere' or 'plane.'

The Lokas are divided into Rupa-lokas and Arupa-lokas - 'material worlds' and 'spiritual spheres.' There is a wide range of teaching connected with the 'Lokas' and 'Talas' which really belongs to the deeper reaches of the Esoteric Philosophy and its Mystery-School, and therefore cannot be elaborated here. (See Tala.)

TALA (Sanskrit). A word which is largely used in metaphysical systems of India, both in contrast and at the same time in conjunction with Loka. As the general meaning of Loka is 'place' or rather 'world' wo the general meaning of tala is 'inferior world.' Every loka has as its twin or counterpart a corresponding tala. Wherever there is a loka there is an ;

exactly correspondential tala, and in fact, the tala is the nether pole of its corresponding loka. Lokas and talas, therefore, in a way of speaking, may be considered to be the spiritual and the material aspects or substance-principles of the different worlds which compose and are in fact the Kosmic Universe. It is impossible to separate a tala from its corresponding loka - quite as impossible as it would be to separate the two poles of electricity.

The number of talas as generally outlined in the exoteric philosophies of Hindustan is usually given as seven, there being thus seven lokas and seven talas; but, as a matter of fact, this number varies. If we may speak of a loka as a spiritual pole we may likewise call it the 'principle' of any world; and correspondentially when we speak of the tala as being the negative or inferior pole, it is quite proper also to refer to it as the 'Element' of its corresponding loka or principle. Hence, the lokas of a hierarchy may be called the 'Principles' of a hierarchy, and the talas, in exactly the same way, may be called the 'Elements' or substantial or material aspects of the hierarchy. It should likewise be remembered that all the seven lokas and all the seven talas are continuously and inextricably interblended and interworking; and that the lokas and the talas working together form the Universe and its various subordinate hierarchies that encompass us around. The higher lokas with the higher talas are the forces or energies and substantial parts of the spiritual and ethereal worlds; and the lowest lokas and their corresponding talas form the forces or energies and substantial parts of the physical world surrounding us; and the intermediate lokas with their corresponding talas form the respective energies and substantial parts of the intermediate or ethereal realms.

Briefly, therefore, we may speak of a tala as the material aspect of the world where it predominates, just as when speaking of a loka we may consider it to be the spiritual aspect of the world where it predominates. Every loka, it should be always remembered, is coexistent with and cannot be separated from its corresponding tala on the same plane.

As an important deduction from the preceding observation, be it carefully noted that man's own constitution as an individual from the highest to the lowest is a hierarchy of its own kind, and therefore man himself is as such a subordinate hierarchy is a composite entity formed of lokas and talas inextricably interworking and intermingled. In this subordinate hierarchy called man live and evolve vast armies, hosts, multitudes, of living entities monads in this inferior stage of their long evolutionary peregrination, and which for convenience and brevity of expression we may class under the general term of Life-Atoms.

Later, and depending on his mental activity, he enters the higher spheres of the astral. But in order to make any contact other than mental, he must make it through and by the lower etheric.

The reader should observe the extent to which the 'sphere' or 'plane' of the physical world is interpenetrated by the etheric regions. All material existents of our plane issue from the etheric and become materialized for our senses. And when a human being reincarnates, he must enter the lower etheric levels of matter in order to do so - thus obeying the common law. Etheric matter, like the matter of the still 'higher' levels, is susceptible of being moulded by the 'energy'-action of thought. Dwellers on the etheric construct dwellings, houses, skycraft by thinking out the pattern, and drawing into it the heavier particles of matter. All objects of our world have been created in this way, by man himself.

Manas has to do with Manu. The suns revolve round these centres with the whole of their atmospheres of Prana. This system gives birth to the Lokas or spheres of life, of which the planets are one class.

These Lokas have been enumerated by Vyasa in his commentary on the Yogashastra (Pada iii.Sutra 26).

The sphorism runs thus:

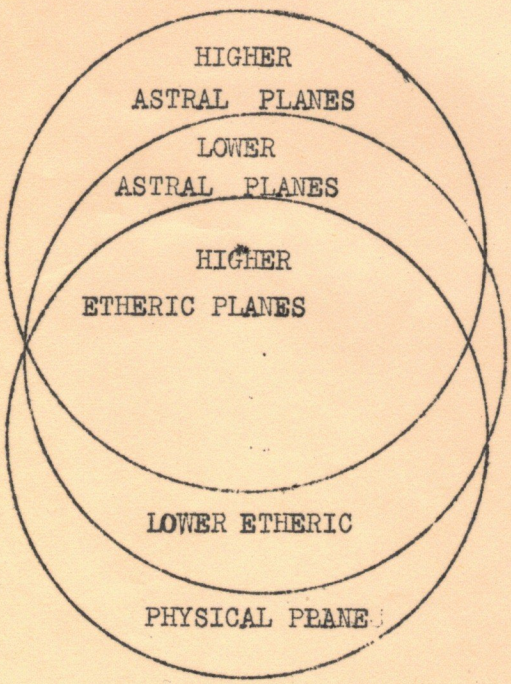
"By meditation upon the sun is obtained a knowledge of the physical creation."

On this says the revered commentator:

"There are seven Lokas (spheres of existence)."

1. Bhurloka extends to the Meru.
2. Antarikshaloka extends from the surface of the Meru to the Dhruva, the pole-star, and contains the planets, the Nakshatras, and the stars.
3. Svarloka lies beyond, is fivefold and sacred to Mahendra.
4. Maharloka, sacred to Prajapati.
5. Janaloka, sacred to Brahma.
6. Taparloka, sacred to Brahma.
7. Satyaloka, sacred to Brahma.

It is not my purpose to try at present to explain the meaning of these Lokas. It is sufficient for my present purpose to say that the planets, the stars, the lunar mansions are all impressions of Manu, just as the organisms of the earth are impressions of the sun. The solar Prana is prepared for this impression during the Manvantaric night.



"Physically considered, these 'planes' are distinguished by varying rates of vibration; spiritually considered they are varying states of conscious awareness.

"Substance as earth men know it takes on the tangibility suited to earth consciousness on the lower etheric, and it is from this region that your sky phenomena burst into view, and also your physical, psychic phenomena. At death, man's sojourn in the lower etheric is very short - lived. But he does not enter the higher etheric, but does right on through it, with no consciousness of it, to the lower astral.

A SECOND 'MEMORANDUM OF IMPORTANCE' *

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This memorandum concerns primarily the curious problem of the so-called FLYING DISCS (or "saucers", or LOKAS) and of numerous other strange flying objects of many shapes, sizes and varying characteristics lately observed in our skies. Contrary to popular belief, this is a matter of very great importance; the observations are extensive and in many cases dependable, and the data would already fill a fair-sized volume. Nevertheless, no official or scientific explanation worth attention has so far been offered. Since the phenomena are recurrent and there is reason to expect their rapid increase, and since misunderstanding of them may have serious consequences, the present memorandum is offered in the public interest.

No attempt can be made to summarize the data or examine its genuineness; such work has largely been done and its repetition here is impracticable. The Research Associates have no axe togrind, and no objective save that of public service. In fact, many reasons might be alleged for keeping silent. Publication of this material is pioneer work and must encounter every conceivable kind of obstacle, from the public, from the so-called educated classes, and from run-of-the-mill scientism. Further, the means of investigation so far employed are in dubious standing with scientific workers, since they entrench upon the fields of parapsychology, psychism, spiritism, and metaphysics. It is hard to imagine a more difficult subject to make intelligible and even half-way reasonable to the average reader. We can only hope that these few pages will be read, that the reader will refrain from too-hasty judgment, and will especially beware of the smug and stupid 'explanations' which will inevitably appear in the press and on the radio, should there be (as is expected) a rapid increase in the various types of sky phenomena.

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Let us at this point take space to state definitely some things which these phenomena are NOT:

1. The discs or Lokas, and the other strange craft are NOT the invention or property of any foreign power, nor of the United States. (Guided missiles and even experimental craft are occasionally overhead, but this is of no present importance).

2. The strange visitors do NOT come from any other planet.

3. There is no evidence known to this writer to indicate that these craft are based in the polar regions, or stored under - ground, or preserved from Atlantean times, or controlled by any occult Order

4. There is NO evidence that these sky visitors have any hostile intent.

5. There is no evidence that officialdom, or the scientific world has any correct information on this subject - though it is highly probable that a few persons in high places have obtained this knowledge.

The first of the points mentioned above is of great import - ance. A situation like this, where the true explanation is almost unintellgible to most people, is made to order for the war-mongers. Let us also be on our guard not to imagine that the discovery of (say) a guided missile, has solved the whole of this vast and complicated problem. And let us recall that the discs were seen during the last century - and apparently were known at intervals throughout the whole historical period.

The real danger is NOT from the discs and other craft, but from popular fear amounting to panic, which might easily precipitate war. This fear is rooted in ignorance, and for the masses of humanity this ignorance cannot be removed. Nevertheless there are some millions of our contemporaries who will easily understand the account given in these paragraphs, and who will also accept as being natural and legitimate the means of investigation which have been employed.

Let us now add to our list of NOT'S the following statement:

The Lokas (discs and other craft) do NOT come from worlds inhabited by "dead" humans. And they do NOT come from any level of the astral plane. But the region they come from is open (for many persons) to astral observation.

WHERE DO THE LOKAS COME FROM? The answer will seem meaningless, or will excite derision and incredulity. Nevertheless, the

answer must be made, and perhaps as well now as any other time. Perhaps better now! before these craft fill our skies with their power and the hearts of our people with consternation. Let us be calm and patient and try to understand certain facts and thoughts hitherto unknown to us.

THE LOKAS (DISCS AND ALL OTHER STRANGE SKY-CRAFT) COME FROM ETHERIA.

And where and what is Etheria? It is a place, a world, a material world, with objects and people and a great civilization - and it lies all about us, though invisible and untouchable. Let us remind ourselves of a few elementary facts:

There is, as everyone knows, a spectrum of color, from red to vio - let. This is what we might call visible color. There is also the infra - red and the ultra-violet, which we do not normally see, and which might be called invisible colors. If an object has invisible colors we cannot see it.

(In passing, note that a rotating wheel, say the blades of a fan, becomes a disc, a blur, then almost invisible, simply because of in - creasing speed; and water becomes invisible when its particles are spread out in the form of live steam, and iron becomes invisible for the same reason, when it is vaporized. Objects disappear from perception in var- ious ways).

Then there is the "spectrum" of sound - a range of air vibrations which we can hear, and then other vibrations far above and below these, which are not audible at all. There is a new science of super- or ultra sonics which is opening amazing vistas. Inaudible 'sounds' exist, just as do invisible 'colors'. (Physicists will find these terms inexact but will understand why they are used).

By analogy, reasoning along this same line, there should be a 'spectrum of touch' also - of tangibility. This is harder to understand. But we do not detect the presence of air or gases by touch, though they consist of material particles. Also, they pass through many forms of dense matter, just as do rays and radiations and lines of force. All these diffused forms of matter illustrate how a material world can lie 'above' the spectrum of touch. Can we infer that there is dense matter 'below' the spectrum also? Well, the physicists (or some of them) who accepted the ether as a universal medium (at least on Monday's, Wednes- day's and Friday's) used to tell us that it was more dense than steel. We are unaware of it through our senses, but probably a fish is unaware of the water, and we do not feel the pressure of air (some 14 lbs.per sq.in.) on our bodies. What we call space cannot be emptiness and noth- ingness; and it is believed by some that our 'solid' objects are really rarefactions, 'holes in space', that is, in some enormously dense and basic world-stuff. Wide fields of speculation open up here; all we can do for the moment is to draw attention to the possibilities involved. There is a spectrum of tangibility, as there is of color and of cound.

There may be (and there is) a world, another world, all about us,

which in a sense interpenetrates with our own, but which we cannot normally see or hear or touch. Yet it is a material world, inhabited by people with material bodies, who resemble ourselves in many ways, and are in many ways our superiors. They have a remarkable civilization, and cultivate the arts, philosophy, and science, in all of which they have reached heights undreamed of by us. They seem to know a good deal about our life here, and are able to enter it when they choose. At every great crisis, or culmination of a major phase of history, or just prior to the collapse of a civilization, they make an extended survey of conditions here, for their own information and historical records.

And how does this apply to the LOKAS (discs and other craft)? To be brief (though perhaps unintelligible to some): the matter of the etheric world is capable of being moved about and moulded into shape by thought-energy, or mind-energy or power. The Discs are designed and constructed in this way, on the etheric plane. Their metals are isotopes of ours. The Etherians have learned how to increase the density of etheric matter, so that the pattern may be thought of as being filled in by atoms of our plane. This process is "materialization". There is, say, a basic copper, then a whole series of emanation-coppers; an object may, so to speak, be moved up or down this scale. There is actually a new chemistry in the making, by which these concepts become lawful and intelligible. Practically all the discs and other craft seen in our skies are experimental variants made by the etheric people, who are never tired of trying out new ideas or improving the old ones. When they disappear from our sight, they sometimes "dematerialize" and return in their original etheric pattern-form, but others simply disintegrate in our material world. There are a great many questions we cannot answer about this, but we have the essential ideas. And the secret of the propulsion of these discs has now been discovered.*It opens the way to space travel and is the beginning of a new era - if indeed mankind deserves and is granted such a future.*

You ask "If this improbable Etheria really exists, how is it we do not know about it?" Well, it has been known in varying degrees, to adepts and initiates and occultists for thousands of years. It is like scores of other facts of supreme importance - the commons have neither understood nor really wanted to understand. There has always

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* This is the first public statement of an event which will some day be blared from every fadio and newspaper headline. But no "proof" and no information of any kind is accessible at this writing. Inquiries addressed to this writer, however, will be submitted to the proper persons.

Consult FATE magazine, vol. I, Nos. 1 & 2, for the long story of the Lokas during the last three years; also the booklet, MYSTERY OF THE FLYING DISCS (40 pp), BSRA Publications. (Mimeo.,$1.00).

been a store of secret knowledge in the world - and in fact all advanced technical knowledge is 'secret' in a sense, to all except the few who can understand and apply it. Of course, Etheria is 'incredible'! It happens to be a new fact, a new light on the horizon so far as common knowledge is concerned. X-rays and radar and the radio and atomic fission, and a score or hundred more are 'incredible' new truths also, yet likely known in old time. But if 'incredible' and 'impossible' mean the same thing to you, we waste your time.

What are our sources of information concerning the Lokas or discs and the related phenomena? Here we shall say only, that they lie in continued observations and reports from highly intelligent observers on the astral levels. This work has been carried on privately for some three years. The explanations received have never varied in essentials, the communicators have shown themselves to be honorable, frank, and consistent, and their personalities are fully integrated. They do not pretend to all knowledge, but only to certain advantages which we ourselves cannot possess. Persons who reject all such sources of information, of course cannot profit by them. But the case for inter-plane communication cannot be argued here.

It is rare indeed for any of the communicators to venture on a prediction; yet this has recently occurred, and I end by quoting what was said. The communicator Rama Kalao is talking:

> "I have come to tell you there will be new appearances of flying discs before this year is over. Please believe me, these discs are NOT from your unhappy enemy Russia, nor from any other earth-country - as one of your illuminated commentators has asserted on your air-box*. This man while a very kindly person has been sadly misinformed. We say, too, there will be no world war on earth for years to come. THE PEOPLE FROM THE ETHERIC WILL INTERFERE IF SUCH IS ATTEMPTED. Much more will be learned about the material of these discs, and there will be much dissension between the army and navy intelligence departments this year." **

* The reference is to Walter Winchell, April 3, 1949.

** A spectro-chemical analysis of material fallen from a disc was made at the University of Chicago, with curious results. These have several times been printed in BSRA publications.

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